

GAVE POLICE \$100 A MONTH, THEY SAY

Harlem Hotel Owners Name
Men They Paid for
Protection.

LAST PAYMENT DEC. 1

Policeman Fox Took Graft
for Inspector Sweeney.
They Testify.

TELLS OFF FAKE ARRESTS

Ex-Proprietor of the Baltic
Also Brings Magistrate
O'Connor's Name In.

WALDO ACTS ON EVIDENCE

Two Officers Suspended, and
Several Superiors Hurry
to Headquarters.

George A. Sipp, formerly proprietor of the Baltic hotel at 124th street and Lexington avenue, told the Curran Administration committee yesterday morning that for the last five years of his proprietorship of that hotel up to December, 1911, he had paid Policeman Eugene Fox \$100 a month regularly for police protection. He understood, he said, that Fox represented Inspector Dennis Sweeney.

After he left the hotel, he testified, he collected the same amount from his successors and handed it each month to Fox until a frame-up raid was worked on him in another hotel, to which he had transferred his interest, and he had a row with the police.

Thomas J. Dorian, assistant manager of the Baltic hotel and a member of the company which bought the hotel from Sipp, took up the story where Sipp left off. He said that he had given the \$100 to Sipp each month and that when Sipp stopped collecting it he paid \$50 each month to Fox personally. These payments, he says, he has continued up to the present.

Ex-Sheriff Hayes Mentioned.
Sipp mentioned former Sheriff Nicholas J. Hayes as interested, according to common report, in the Harlem House, and said that Fox told him he couldn't open the second hotel upon which he was seized because it was only a block away from the Harlem House, and Hayes was afraid it might hurt the Harlem's business.

He also mentioned Magistrate Keyser J. O'Connor, quoting Fox as saying that O'Connor had been to see Sweeney in the interest of Hayes, with regard to the opening of this hotel near the Harlem House.

He mentioned Inspectors Hussey and Thompson as forerunners of Sweeney, while he was running the Baltic and paying Fox each month, and told of what he alleged was a "frame-up" raid made on his second hotel, the Central, by Policemen Donnelly and Kostuma, whom he allowed to get evidence because he had been warned that they would keep after him until they got him.

When the two prisoners taken, employees of the Central, were brought to trial, he testified, Donnelly tried to hold him up for \$200, which he refused because he was "sore" over the affair, although he says he had paid for "fixing" such cases before.

Relating earlier troubles with the police, he mentioned the name of Lieut. John Lake and a policeman named Evans. In between his charges against various individuals, Sipp gave many details on the relationship between keepers of hotels and the police.

An hour or so after Sipp had brought Fox's name before the committee, Police Commissioner Waldo had Fox before him at Police Headquarters, and, after the suspension of the policeman was announced, Donnelly was suspended later, according to the information from Headquarters.

Not long after the tenor of Sipp's testimony had become known around town there was something of an after-dinner party at Headquarters. Those called there by Inspector Sweeney of the sixth district, Captain, former Inspector, James F. Thompson, of the West 125th street station, Captain, formerly Inspector, James E. Hussey, of the Broadway station, and Capt. Thomas J. Walsh of the East 126th street station, which includes the Baltic Hotel within its precinct.

Others Call Around.
Which is a brother of Smiling Dick Walsh, former inspector, now retired. The former inspector was among the callers as was also Capt. Patrick J. Hadden of Brooklyn, but it was said that Hadden was over on a purely routine matter. The interviews with the various callers were divided up among Commissioner Waldo, First Deputy Commissioner McKay, Fourth Deputy Commissioner Dillon and Chief Inspector Schuttenger.

There are numerous police trials due on Friday as a result of earlier stories told before the Curran committee, which the story of Mary Goode.

As soon as ex-Sheriff Hayes's name was brought into the testimony yesterday, the Tammany members of the committee asked that he be called at once. Mr. Hadden reminded him that when Mr. Hayes's name was mentioned earlier in the hearing he was called immediately and counsel for the committee added that he would call him this time.

Former Commissioner of Accounts

PLAZA GUEST PUTS UP JEWELS.

Mrs. White Hands Over Diamonds on Jewelry Firm's Attachment.

Mrs. Marion Gilhooly White, daughter of former Judge Patrick H. Gilhooly of Elizabeth, N. J., and wife of Walter C. White, vice-president of the White Company, manufacturers of automobiles and sewing machines in Cleveland, Ohio, was served yesterday at the Hotel Plaza with an attachment granted in the City Court in a suit for \$1,938 brought by the jewelry firm of M. Tieda & Co. She lives in Cleveland with her husband and is in the city for a few days. The jewelry firm is suing her for breach of contract in connection with the delivery of jewelry at her home.

When Deputy Sheriff Bler called on Mrs. White at the Plaza she asked him to wait until the arrival of Mr. White, who was coming to this city. The deputy explained that he was forced to take such property as Mrs. White's as he could find and she drew from her finger a ring with two square diamonds and an emerald and took off a diamond bangle. Then she gave up a silver mink bag and a gold vanity case, locked two trunks of her clothing and gave the deputy sheriff the keys. She then locked the room and explaining that she was returning at once to Cleveland and wouldn't need it, she gave Bler the room key.

The deputy left the trunks in the room, but took the other articles to the Sheriff's office.

Mrs. White was married to Walter C. White in 1911. She had been divorced from Frederick Ellis Lawrie, former secretary to Charles G. Gates.

The petition upon which the attachment was obtained stated that among the articles Mrs. White bought and failed to pay for was a brooch, \$235; strand of pearls \$240; brooch, \$675; vanity case, \$475, and corsage piece, \$200.

EXILED CHINESE EMPRESS WEEPS FOR LOST EMPIRE

Child Emperor Plays About
Palace in Ignorance
of His Fate.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Pekin correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "A princely personage who has just returned to the Forbidden City informs me that the immense precincts of the Winter Palace are absolutely deserted save for the Empress Dowager and Pu Yi, the child Emperor, and a few hundred eunuchs. All the princesses, all the occupants of the Imperial harem and all blood relatives of the Imperial clan have silently disappeared, leaving the Empress and her child alone."

"The same hundreds of sheep, pigs and fowl stipulated by the Imperial household ordinances are daily slaughtered and are not being eaten, but sold outside. The eunuchs have been left uncontrolled and they are rapidly stripping the palaces of all their valuables and if something is not done they will soon have them empty."

"The Empress Dowager weeps ceaselessly, but dare not proceed to the summer palace since the Manchus gossips have cruelly warned her that she will be butchered the instant she is caught outside the city."

"The Emperor, who is a dull, listless child, who does not know what has happened, plays ceaselessly with toy soldiers in the halls and flagged courtyards that were trodden by the feet not only of his illustrious ancestors but by Kublai Khan himself."

"Another Rostand would be required to immortalize this new Alagon who is destined to live and perish miserably as a prototype, but it is a signal disgrace that the palace and its treasures are not as carefully guarded by the consorted museums as is the Moscow Kremlin and thus leave the nation some record of its departed glory."

EXAMINERS EAT 16 LUNCHES.

Philadelphia Commissioners Personally Test Culinary Applicants.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—Practical tests which the new municipal Civil Service Commission has put into effect in this city eventually may be the cause of driving the examiners themselves into a sanatorium. To-day they were compelled to eat sixteen lunches prepared by applicants for the positions of cooks and bakers at the city's hospitals.

The new commission ordered practical tests for all applicants in this branch of the service, so when the cooks and bakers came to the examination they were to the tests they went one at a time to the pantry that had been installed and they were told to cook.

There were just sixteen of them. This is what the applicants cooked: Steaks, rare, medium and well done. Eggs, soft, medium and hard. Eggs poached and eggs scrambled. Omelette. Coffee, tea, cocoa, biscuits, rolls, bread, toast and milk. Then potatoes in all the various styles, and after that came the desserts, and finally they were asked to prepare soups.

Two of the examiners were Thomas Moore and Arthur M. Swanson, the city examiners, and they called in two hotel experts. All seemed to enjoy their work at first, but after they had got down to the eighth man they looked as though they had been to three banquets. Whether they will return to work to-morrow is a question.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS FOR XMAS.

Entire New York Delegation Will
Return To-day.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Both houses of Congress will adjourn for the holidays to-morrow, to reassemble on January 2.

All of the New York delegation, with the possible exception of Representative Fitzgerald, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, will leave for home to-morrow.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon will eat his Christmas turkey with his family at Danville, Ill. Conforming to custom, Speaker Clark will remain in Washington during the holidays.

METROPOLITAN SAYS

"NO" TO HAMMERSTEIN

Directors Think New York Can-
not Support Two Grand
Opera Houses.

CONTRACT MUST STAND

Impresario Will Disregard De-
cision if Public and Press
Urge Him.

Urge Him.

The directors of the Metropolitan Opera Company at a special meeting yesterday afternoon decided that Oscar Hammerstein could not produce grand opera in English in this city. This would seem to be final, considering that when Mr. Hammerstein sold out his opera interests nearly two years ago he contracted not to produce grand opera here for a period of ten years.

But Mr. Hammerstein said last night that it was not all over yet and that if the press and the public think grand opera in English would be welcomed and is a necessity he will do it anyway.

The special meeting yesterday, which is the second held to consider what action should be taken, was caused by a request made two weeks ago by Mr. Hammerstein, asking the board of directors to so modify his contract that he might produce grand opera in English only.

The directors present at the meeting were Rawlins L. Cottinet, who acted as secretary; Edmund L. Baylis, Robert Goebel, Elliot Gregory, Frank Gray Griswold, Clarence H. Mackay, W. K. Vanderbilt, Harry Payne Whitney and Henry Rogers Whitney. Otto H. Kahn, who is the chairman of the board, is in Europe. The other absentees were Paul D. Cravath, T. De Witt Cuyler, John D. Jordan and Edward T. Stotesbury.

None of the directors after the meeting, which was held at the opera house late in the afternoon, would discuss their action, but instead gave out a formal statement explaining the reasons for their stand. They also sent to Mr. Hammerstein by hand this reply, signed by Mr. Cottinet as secretary:

"I am instructed by the board of directors of the Metropolitan Opera Company to advise you that after a careful consideration they deem it inadvisable to consent to the modification of your contract as requested in your letter of the 25th ult."

The formal statement issued in behalf of the board of directors said:

The board of directors of the Metropolitan Opera Company have given very careful consideration to Mr. Hammerstein's request for such a modification of his contract with the Metropolitan Opera Company as would permit him to produce grand opera in English only in New York under conditions outlined in his letter, and an expression of the views of most of the directors has been secured. At the meeting to-day they unanimously decided not to accede to Mr. Hammerstein's request.

In order that their position may be understood they have authorized the following statement of the reasons which influenced them in reaching their decision, which they feel justified in making public inasmuch as Mr. Hammerstein made public his reasons for making his application:

The purpose of the directors of the Metropolitan Opera Company is to do all in their power to advance the cause of grand opera in New York. The entire purpose of the company is to do all in their power to advance the cause of grand opera in New York. The entire purpose of the company is to do all in their power to advance the cause of grand opera in New York.

The Metropolitan does not claim the exclusive possession of the grand opera field, but the directors do feel that it is their duty to recognize that New York demands and should have the best grand opera, and that in view of the enormous expense involved in giving the best grand opera under existing conditions, the company at the present time adequately support more than one opera house for grand opera.

Both at the Metropolitan and at the Metropolitan Opera House New York was offered more opera than it could support, with the result that both Mr. Hammerstein and the Metropolitan Opera Company lost money. Accordingly, when the directors of the Metropolitan Opera Company decided to join Mr. Stotesbury and his associates in the purchase of Mr. Hammerstein's Philadelphia opera house, they recognized that New York demands and should have the best grand opera, and that in view of the enormous expense involved in giving the best grand opera under existing conditions, the company at the present time adequately support more than one opera house for grand opera.

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HOLDUP IN BROADWAY OFFICE.

Revolver Pointed and \$50 Taken
Out of the Till.

Capt. Tunney, in charge of the detectives of the West Forty-seventh street police station, yesterday sent out four men to look for a holdup man who at 4 o'clock on Tuesday evening robbed the Wells Fargo Express office at 1781 Broadway of more than \$50 at the point of a revolver. News of the holdup only got out last night.

The office is in the Thoroughfare, Broadway and Fifty-eighth street. One clerk was in the office when the holdup man appeared. Hundreds were passing in the street and the office is well lighted.

The man entered and with a flourish of his revolver ordered the clerk to drop behind the counter. The clerk obeyed and the robber went to the till, which is opened by a combination. Without delay the till was opened and the money taken.

Then the robber went to the door and disappeared.

The clerk notified Manager William P. Collins, who told the police. Both the police and the express company tried to keep the matter a secret.

ALICE THAW, ONCE COUNTESS, TO BE BRIDE OF AN AMERICAN

Her Engagement Is Announced
to Geoffrey Whitney of
Boston.

Pittsburg, Dec. 18.—Cards will be issued to-morrow by Mrs. Charles Whitney of Boston announcing the engagement of her son, Geoffrey W. Whitney, to Alice Countess Thaw, formerly the Countess of Yarmouth, and known since her divorce from her husband, as Mrs. Alice Copley Thaw.

The date for the wedding has not been set, but it probably will take place in the spring. The fiancée of Whitney is the daughter of Mrs. William Thaw, and a sister of Harry K. Thaw. She opened her new home in Washington to-day but will spend the Christmas holidays with her mother here, when arrangements will be made for the wedding, which will be one of the most fashionable here in recent years.

Mrs. Thaw, at her home here to-night, confirmed the announcement of her daughter's engagement, but was reticent in giving particulars. Mr. Whitney is said to be a banker and broker, and a member of one of the best known families in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Alice Copley Thaw, who took that name by choice after her divorce from the Earl of Yarmouth at London on February 5, 1908, was high in Pittsburg society, when she married the titled Englishman in Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburg, on April 27, 1903.

As Countess of Yarmouth Alice Thaw had an unhappy life. The Earl was of a roving disposition and at different times was on the stage in Australia and this country. He was an acknowledged fortune hunter and wanted to marry Miss Elizabeth Thaw before he transferred his affections to her younger sister.

When the Countess's brother, Harry, shot Stanford White, the notorious great architect, who was her father-in-law, the Marquis of Hereford, and when she came here to attend the trial it became known that the marriage would be annulled.

Harry Thaw had refused to attend the wedding of his sister to the Earl, on whom it was said the Thaws settled \$1,000,000.

When the Countess returned to this country after the annulment she was widely received. Since that time she has been abroad a great deal. Her former husband returned to the stage for a while after they separated.

DIX PREPARES TO MOVE HOME.

Socially Brilliant Administration
Closing Starts Salary Talk.

ALBANY, Dec. 18.—The incoming State administration will descend upon Albany a week from Saturday. Gov. Dix was busy to-day arranging for the removal of his family effects from the Executive Mansion to his town house, on State street, opposite Washington Park, which has been closed for the past two years.

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PIECES OF OLDEST SKULL ARE FOUND IN ENGLAND

Man of Earliest Times Closely
Resembled Ape, Say
Geologists.

FURTHER STEP BACKWARD

Science Believed to Be Very
Near Origin of Human
Species.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Portions of the oldest skull that has yet been discovered were laid before the Fellows of the Geological Society to-night by Charles Dawson and Dr. Arthur Smith Woodward of the Natural History museum at Kensington.

According to Dr. Woodward, whose deductions received the support of the society, the skull belongs to the "lower Pleistocene period," which cannot be accurately computed in terms of years. It is the oldest example of the human skull that has come to light, and is far older than the skulls which are preserved in France, Germany and Belgium of the "cave man" which was the oldest type of man previously known.

The portions of the skull exhibited to-night were unearthed during the past summer by Messrs. Dawson and Woodward with pick, shovel and sieve from a dried up pond in Sussex. Four years ago some old gravel diggers near Pitt-down Common dug up a skull intact. They smashed it and tossed the pieces away. Mr. Dawson, who is an amateur geologist, happened to be then in the district and one of the men gave him a fragment, which he immediately recognized as part of a human skull. He began prospecting for the remainder of the skull and found other pieces in the autumn of 1911 which decided him and Dr. Woodward to make a systematic search this past spring.

The gravel pit was in a pond and seep was only possible when it was dry. Piece by piece the fragments were recovered and one evening Mr. Dawson found half the lower jaw. Afterward the pond was refilled and the search discontinued until next summer. The portions found have enabled the finders to have the skull reconstructed in plaster.

"The discovery," says Dr. Woodward, "confirms in a striking manner the theories of science. Hord Dawkins discovered flint implements long ago and described a race of men who existed before the known cave dwellers whom he called 'river drift men.' There have been no reliable records of a race of men who would prove that such a race ever existed, but these remains establish the fact and bring us a considerable step nearer to tracing the human beginnings."

It is impossible to fix the date of the skull, but a dim conception of its antiquity may be gained when I state that the gravel in which it was imbedded may have been carried there by a stream which is now the River Ouse, which has since cut for itself a channel eighty feet deep a mile distant from the spot. In the gravel too were relics of an elephant mastodon, hippopotamus and red deer, besides flint implements antedating those used by the cave dwellers.

There are also flints from the chalk of the highest of Southern Downs, which the river no longer reaches at its source. "The outstanding features of this Pitdown skull are that it is twice the thickness of an ordinary human skull. The forehead is steep as in the ordinary skull, with scarcely any of the ridge at the brow which characterizes the skulls of the cave men. The back of the head is low and very broad, indicating that the neck resembled an ape's more than a man's with a brain capacity of two-thirds of the average man's and equal to that of the lowest savage now living."

Another interesting point is the likeness of the shape of the skull to the skull of modern man. In fact the discovery of this rounded skull seems to indicate that we are very near the original human being, more especially when one considers that this creature, though having a human brain, possessed the jaw of a chimpanzee."

The actual remains shown to the society to-night were fragments of a race which lived in a cave, and were sufficiently complete when fitted together to give a fairly accurate brain containing part of the skull and face. Most of the forehead was missing.

The half of the lower jaw contained the first and second molars. There was enough of the front part to show that in the region of the chin the conformation was identical with that of an anthropoid ape. The molars were typically human, although comparatively large and narrow, each bearing a fifth cusp.

The molars had been worn perfectly flat by mastication, suggesting those of canines. They resembled the molars in not projecting above the level of the other teeth. The weakness of the mandible, the slight prominence of the brow ridges, the small backward extent of the origin of the temporal muscles and the reduction of the mastoid processes suggested that the skull belonged to a female.

Hord Dawkins is stated to have agreed with the date fixed by the finders of the skull. Prof. Keith believed the finders have made a much greater discovery than they are conscious of. In his opinion they have found what anthropologists have been hunting for forty years, namely, the tertiary man, mankind of the Pliocene period, mankind before the first of the great glacial periods. By placing it in one of the later glacial periods there would be difficulty for the jaw is absolutely Simian and the capacity for speech is absolutely negative.

DETECTIVE SUES MRS. SHONTS.

McLaughlin Wants \$1,573 for Nine
Months Work in 1911.

Former Police Inspector William W. McLaughlin, who now runs a private detective agency, filed suit in the Supreme Court yesterday against Mrs. Milla D. Shonts, wife of Theodore P. Shonts, to recover \$1,573. The complaint states that between March 1 and December 1 of last year the plaintiff rendered services worth \$1,200 and in the same period made necessary disbursements of \$1,573. No part of the money has been paid, the complaint says.

Neither party in the case would say yesterday why Mrs. Shonts had detectives working for her for nine months. It was rumored last year that Mrs. Shonts intended to bring an action against her husband, but no suit was brought here. She has lived apart from him